

## Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

45

ORIGIN PRS-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 CCO-00 /017 R

DRAFTED BY S/PRS:RWEISS:AVW

APPROVED BY S/PRS:FZBROWN

S/S - MR. KUCHEL

----- 111985

O 301849Z APR 76 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

FOR FUNSETH FROM S/PRS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVELING PRESS REPORTAGE, FRIDAY, APRIL 30

NO. 32

NEWSPAPERS

1. WASHPOST - MARDER: NOTHING IN 4/30 EDITION.

2. NYTIMES - KAUFMAN: IN SOME WAYS NEW AMERICAN POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT IS BEING OUTLINED BEARS A SIMILARITY TO MIDDLE EAST MEDIATING EFFORTS. NO ONE EXPECTS KISSINGER "O O?GIN A ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BETWEEN PRETORIA AND BLACK AFRICA. BUT IT IS PROSPECT OF BRIDGING GAP BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK AFRICA THAT KISSINGER IS EXPLOITING IN HIS APPROACH TO BLACK LEADERS OF SOUTH... HE REALIZES THAT AS IN ME, U.S. IS ONLY POWER THAT CAN TALK TO BOTH SIDES IN LONG CRISIS WITH SOME CREDIBILITY... THE ONE THING THAT COULD SPEED PROCESS WOULD BE PRESSURE BY SOUTH AFRICA (ON RHODESIA)... HOWEVER, IN CLIMATE THAT PREVAILS IT SEEMS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT ANY BLACK LEADER COULD PUBLICLY

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

APPLAUD SOUTH AFRICAN CONCESSION, GIVEN PRETORIA'S POLICIES OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT AND APARTHEID. ON OTHER HAND, MANY BLACK LEADERS RECOGNIZE THAT RACIAL CONFLICT SPREADING

FROM RHODESIA TO SOUTH AFRICA COULD MEAN WAR ON A SCALE THAT AFRICA HAS NEVER KNOWN. UNLIKE RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA HAS A MODERN AIR FORCE AND GREAT WEALTH. THIS IS WHERE KISSINGER APPARENTLY SEES HIS ADVANTAGE. IF HE IS SUCCESSFUL IN OPENING NEW AND BETTER RELATIONS WITH SUCH NON-ALIGNED SOCIALIST LEADERS AS NYERERE -- WHICH KISSINGER HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING MOST STRONGLY ON THIS TRIP -- HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY. IN SIMPLIFIED TERMS, TRADE-OFF WOULD REQUIRE SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW ITS LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM TO RHODESIA. IN EXCHANGE, KEY BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS MIGHT, THROUGH U.S. AS HONEST BROKER, CONVEY PRIVATE ASSURANCES TO SOUTH AFRICA THAT IT HAD GAINED TIME TO ADJUST ITS RACIAL POLICIES... THIS SCENARIO, ALLUDED TO HERE LAST NIGHT BY KISSINGER WHEN HE SAID THAT U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR, SHOULD AFRICAN COUNTRIES ISSUE AN INVITATION, IS REGARDED AS CHANCY AND STILL SOME TIME OFF. BUT NOW THERE HAS BEEN A CALL FOR A BUILDING OF BRIDGE TO BLACK AFRICA AND AN APPARENT NEW ACCEPTANCE BY U.S. OF NON-ALIGNMENT. SEVERAL TIMES ON TRIP KISSINGER HAS COME CLOSE TO APOLOGIZING FOR LACK OF A POLICY TOWARD AFRICA AND ADMITTING THAT AFRICA HAS A LOW PRIORITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS. HE HAS PLEDGED REVERSE THIS.

2. HEARST - WALLACH (FROM APRIL 29 BALTIMORE NEWS AMERICAN) KISSINGER, WHO SUCCESSFULLY MEDIATED THREE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE AGREEMENTS, SAYS HE WOULD "TAKE SERIOUSLY" A CALL BY BLACK AFRICA LEADERS FOR HIM TO PLAY KEY MIDDLEMAN ROLE IN NEGOTIATING AN ELEVENTH HOUR TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. KISSINGER ALSO TOLD A PACKED NEWS CONFERENCE THAT SOVIET UNION DOES NOT HAVE "THE CAPABILITY TO SABOTAGE THIS TRIP."... KISSINGER NOTED HE HAD RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR HIS POLICY INITIATIVES FROM LEADERS OF KENYA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND ZAIRE, ALL OF WHOM URGED U.S. TO PLAY A "MORE ACTIVE ROLE" ... THE U.S. IS COUNTING PARTICULARLY ON SUPPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA IN CONVINCING SMITH REGIME TO RESUME NEGOTI-  
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

ATIONS WITH AFRICAN NATIONALIST GROUPS... AS IN ME, U.S. APPEARS TO BE ONLY NATION THAT HAS WORKABLE RELATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES IN CONFLICT.

3. LA TIMES - JOHNSTON: KISSINGER'S 3-DAY STOPOVER IN ZAIRE IS A REMINDER THAT U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA IS STILL LARGELY DERIVED FROM ASSESSMENTS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS ON CONTINENT. FOR FIRST FEW DAYS OF KISSINGER'S AFRICAN TRIP, EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, SOUTHWEST AFRICA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.... SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY ANNOUNCED TUESDAY IN LUSAKA WAS RECEIVED AS A SIGN U.S.

AS READY TO MOVE TO SIDE OF ANTICOLONIALISM... AT VERY EAST, IT APPEARED THAT KISSINGER, WITH BACKING OF PRESIDENT FORD AT A TIME WHEN ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY IS A POLITICAL ISSUE WITH CONSERVATIVES, WAS READY TO RISK AN ATTEMPT AT PREEMPTING MORAL GROUND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FROM RUSSIANS. WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS, HOWEVER, TWO THINGS OCCURRED TO REMIND OBSERVERS THAT NEW POLICY WAS AS MUCH A PRODUCT OF TACTICS AS MORALITY. FIRST, KISSINGER RECEIVED WORD FROM GHANA THAT HIS VISIT THERE WAS CANCELLED -- A DECISION IN PART INSTIGATED BY SOVIET UNION, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID. THIS WAS A SHARP REMINDER THAT A U.S.-SOVIET CONFRONTATION IN AFRICA IS STILL A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. THE SECOND WAS SIMPLY KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL HERE IN ZAIRE... THERE WAS AN ECHO OF DAYS BEFORE VIETNAM WHEN U.S. POWER WAS WELCOME ALMOST EVERYWHERE IN THIRD WORLD... THROUGHOUT ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR, U.S. POLICY OF TOTAL SUPPORT TO ZAIRE'S FLAMBOUYANT LEADER WAS UNWAVERING. KISSINGER VISIT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED TO REINFORCE THAT SUPPORT, EVEN WHILE PUBLIC ATTENTION REMAINS FOCUSED ON POLICY STATEMENT IN LUSAKA. WITH MINIMUM OF ATTENTION GETTING MECHANISMS AT KISSINGER'S COMMAND, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE THAT: -- U.S. ARMS SALES TO ZAIRE WAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASING AND WOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE; -- U.S. ECONOMIC AID AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS WOULD INCREASE; -- U.S. RECOGNIZES A FIRM COMMITMENT TO "CONTINUE TO STAND BY ZAIRE IN PROMOTING ITS ECONOMIC PROGRESS." ...ARMS SALES TO ZAIRE JUMPED FROM LESS THAN \$5 MILLION IN 1975 TO \$19 MILLION -- ALL ON CREDIT -- DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

ARMS SALES -- CREDIT REQUEST FOR NEXT YEAR IS \$28 MILLION. DEFINING "PERILS ZAIRE FACES", U.S. OFFICIALS NOTED THAT SOVIET VICTORY IN ANGOLA HAS PLACED A MARXIST STATE ON ZAIRE'S SOUTHWEST BORDER. MARXIST PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CONGO, ACROSS ZAIRE RIVER TO NORTH, HAS BEEN A SECURITY WORRY TO MOBUTU REGIME IN PAST... BUT AT PRESENT, ZAIRE ARMED FORCES ARE SMALL, CERTAINLY COMPARED TO ARSENAL OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT POURED INTO ANGOLA BY RUSSIANS.

WIRES

1. UPI - ANDERSON: KISSINGER HELD A FINAL BRIEF MEETING WITH MOBUTU AND THEN LEFT FOR LIBERIA. KISSINGER AND MOBUTU TALKED FOR HALF AN HOUR OVER BREAKFAST... MOBUTU SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO HIS TALK WITH KISSINGER "WE BELIEVE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA DO NOT HAVE INTENTION OF INTERVENING IN AFRICA BEYOND ANGOLA."... INCREASED MILITARY AID FOR ZAIRE WAS ONE OF TOPICS MOBUTU DISCUSSED WITH KISSINGER DURING A FULL DAY OF TALKS WEDNESDAY. MOBUTU INDICATED HE ALSO PLANS TO SEEK INCREASED MILITARY AID FROM CHINA, WHICH HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED SOVIET

ACTIVITY ON AFRICAN CONTINENT. U.S. OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER SAID U.S. HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPLY ZAIRE WITH ONE C-130 TRANSPORT PLANE, SEVERAL CESSNA AIRCRAFT FOR PILOT TRAINING, JEEPS AND TRUCKS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. MOBUTU SAID HE WILL SEEK A FURTHER INCREASE IN U.S. MILITARY AID, INCLUDING MORE MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

UPI - ANDERSON: KISSINGER WAS RECOVERING FROM A MILD STOMACH AILMENT TODAY, BUT HIS CONDITION DID NOT INTERFERE WITH PLANS TO FLY TO LIBERIA, FIFTH STOP ON HIS TWO WEEK AFRICAN TRIP... IN MONROVIA, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID KISSINGER PLANNED TO MAKE A DIRECT PUBLIC REFERENCE TO ANGOLA... U.S. OFFICIALS SAID KISSINGER'S TOUR HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THEY HAD HOPED, DESPITE ABRUPT CANCELLATION OF A TRIP TO GHANA... U.S. OFFICIALS SAID KISSINGER SPEECH TUESDAY IN LUSAKA HAS BEEN RECEIVED BETTER THAN EXPECTED. MOBUTU, KAUNDA AND NYERERE HAVE EXPRESSED GENERAL AND SOMETIMES ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR 10-POINT POLICY STATEMENT, THEY SAID. OFFICIALS SAID MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

THUS FAR IN TRIP WAS A GAIN OF AFRICAN RESPECT FOR U.S. POSITION OF SEARCHING FOR A NON-MILITARY SOLUTION TO RACIAL CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. REUTER - NELSON: KISSINGER RESUMES HIS AFRICAN TOUR TODAY FOLLOWING A 24 HOUR DELAY CAUSED BY GASTROENTERITIS AND WITHDRAWAL OF AN INVITATION BY GHANA... SPOKESMAN FUNSETH SAID KISSINGER SPENT DAY IN BED, SEEING ONLY A FEW CLOSE AIDES AND STATE DEPT PHYSICIAN WHO TRAVELS WITH HIM.... BUT STATE DEPT TOLD BOTH GHANAIAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON THAT IT WAS DISPLEASED WITH ALLEGED SOVIET AGITATION AGAINST KISSINGER'S VISIT. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID "COMMUNICATION: WITH TWO EMBASSIES WAS NEITHER A PROTEST NOR EVEN A "REPRESENTATION". APPARENTLY TRYING TO PROTECT CREDIBILITY OF KISSINGER WHO HAD DENIED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TUESDAY NIGHT THAT ANY REPRESENTATION HAD BEEN OR WOULD BE MADE. IT STRUCK REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH HIM AS INCONCEIVABLE HOWEVER THAT ANY APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE, TO SOVIET UNION WITHOUT KISSINGER'S EXPRESS INSTRUCTION...

REUTER - NELSON: U.S. BELIEVES RHODESIA WILL NOT BE OVER-RUN BY NATIONALIST FORCES EVEN IF THEY ARE JOINED IN BATTLE BY BLACK AFRICAN "CONFRONTATION STATES" OF ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWANA, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID TODAY. ...THE OFFICIAL SAID RHODESIA'S 270,000 WHITES ARE IN NO DANGER OF BEING MASSACRED. SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID IT WAS CURRENTLY BEYOND POWER OF RHODESIAN GUERRILLAS TO WIN A WAR AGAINST WHITE GOVT OF IAN SMITH.

S. OFFICIAL SAID SOVIET UNION HAD SUPPLIED ABOUT 300

MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY AID TO ANGOLA IN PAST SIX MONTHS. THERE HAVE BEEN SUSPICIONS THAT AID MIGHT FIND ITS WAY TO RHODESIAN GUERRILLAS.

2. AP - SCHWEID: KISSINGER LEFT TODAY FOR LIBERIA AFTER BREAKFAST WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU. KISSINGER THANKED MOBUTU FOR WARM WELCOME HE RECEIVED DURING HIS 3-DAY VISIT TO ZAIRE. MEANWHILE, HIGH-RANKING GHANAIAAN SOURCES SAID THEIR GOVT CANCELLED KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ACCRA BECAUSE OF RESENTMENT AT LAST MINUTE SUBSTITUTION OF GHANA UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 104314 TOSEC 110426

FOR NIGERIA AFTER NIGERIANS WITHDREW THEIR INVITATION. GOG DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW HIM TO COME ALMOST AS SOON AS ACCRA WAS PUT ON HIS ITINERARY. BUT NOTIFICATION TO KISSINGER WAS DELAYED UNTIL THIS WEEK BY "VASCILLATION AMONG SOME OF THE DECISION MAKERS" WHO WERE BEING PRESSURED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR BLACK TO ALLOW KISSINGER TO COME. U.S. OFFICIALS BLAME CANCELLATION ON AGITATION BY SOVIET EMBASSY IN ACCRA, AMONG STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF GOVT.

AP - SCHWEID: U.S. IS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE MARXIST GOVT OF ANGOLA PROVIDED IT EXPELS 15,000 CUBAN TROOPS NOW ON ITS SOIL, KISSINGER SAID TODAY. KISSINGER WHO FLEW TO LIBERIA FROM ZAIRE, ALSO DISMISSED AS "TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE" ANY SUGGESTION THAT HIS PLEDGE TO PROMOTE BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA COULD SERVE TO ENCOURAGE VIOLENCE IN THAT COUNTRY... REGARDING ANGOLA, PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE BEGUN SIX WEEKS AGO WITH ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVES AT UN, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID PRIVATELY. "WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THAT COUNTRY" KISSINGER SAID, "WE CAN DEAL WITH IT IN A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT." CONCILIATORY GESTURE MARKS A TURNING POINT FOR FORD ADMINISTRATION. A FEW MONTHS AGO IT WAS HELPING TO ARM TWO PRO-WESTERN FACTIONS AGAINST POPULAR MOVEMENT. BUT HE SAID BEFORE NORMAL RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED "WE WANT TO KNOW ANGOLA'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PRESENCE OF FOREIGN FORCES ON ITS SOIL."... WHAT WASHINGTON WANTS IS "A SUBSTANTIAL INDICATION" THAT CUBAN TROOPS AND THEIR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REMOVED FROM ANGOLA IN LESS THAN A YEAR... "THE IDEA OF A MASSACRE (IN RHODESIA) IS AN - OUTRAGE," KISSINGER SAID. IT WAS UNCLEAR WHO HAD CHARGED KISSINGER'S AFRICA POLICIES WERE ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE AND THAT SUCH POLICIES COULD LEAD TO A MASSACRE. KISSINGER SAID HE AGREED WITH JUDGMENT OF SOME AFRICAN LEADERS THAT AN ARMS STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF RHODESIA HAS BEGUN AND THAT "THERE IS A DANGER OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WHICH WOULD ACCELERATE THAT PROCESS."

BERNIE KALB IN RADIO SPOT REPORTS ON KISSINGER ILLNESS. SISCO

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 15 SEP 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TOSEC, PRESS COMMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 30 APR 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE104314  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** S/PRS:RWEISS:AVW  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** D760165-0563  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t197604115/baaaeotx.tel  
**Line Count:** 271  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN PRS  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** ellisoob  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 26 MAY 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <26 MAY 2004 by SilvaL0>; APPROVED <24 JAN 2005 by ellisoob>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TRAVELING PRESS REPORTAGE, FRIDAY, APRIL 30  
**TAGS:** SOPN, OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)  
**To:** SECRETARY  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006